

December 23, 1996

Ms. Lily Merco Reports Analyst Reports Analysis Division Federal Election Commission 999 B. Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463

Re: October Quarierly Report (7/1/96-9/30/96) Friends of Sherrod Brown C00264697

Dear Ms. Marco:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 29, 1996, a copy of which is enclosed, regarding the above referenced report. Upon review of our records, we agree that the amount received from Mr. Ratner did in fact exceed the limits established by the Federal Election Commission. We have reviewed our system, which is a Landslide program, and contacted the support services division of the program provider. Our system was set up to catch or carmark any excessive contributions. We believe that the error was limited and may have related to the date field within our system.

I have enclosed a letter which was issued to Mr. Ratner requesting a redesignation or a refund, if he so desires. Please accept the above information and the attached letter as our amendment to our October quarterly report. The final disposition of this matter will be reported in our year-end report.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions or comments please contact me at (216) 328-2660.

Respectfully Yours,

Friends of Sherrod Brown

Daniel J. Harris, CPA

Treasurer